to non-availability of resources. However, to augment the facilities, a provision has been made for providing semiautomatic cell counter and spectrometer in the pathological laboratory, R. K Puram-III,

Patenting the wonder dniR Brahiui

1149. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: win The Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state-fa) whether it is a fact that facuit5 of Ayurveda Researchers in Banarar Hindu University have recently approached the Ministry to explore the possibility of patenting of the product " Brahmi" an Aqurvedic wonder drug;

(b) ff so, what are the details thereof stating whether the Ayurvedic drug "Brahmi" ig proposed to be patented: and

(c) if answer be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor stating the steps taken by Government to remove the hurdles in patenting the drug?

THE MINISTER GF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C SILVERA): (a) No formal proposal has been received from the Banaras Hindu University.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise,

Hoik*; by Resident Doctors of Stwheta. Kiijiisoi and Ksiawati Sana Hospital!

1150. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Resident Doctors of Sucheta Kripiani and Kalawatj Saran Hospitals in New Delhi went on a strike recently;

(b) if so, the details of the demands of Doctors which compelled them to resort to strike; and

(c) whether the strike has S‹D^ been called off and if so, the details of the agreement arrived at betweeK Government anjj the Doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C SILVERA): (a) Sir.

(b) The demands of the Resident Doe-tors intev-alia include:—

(i) Participation of the representative of RDA in the selection process of Resident Doctors.

uij Entrustment of the management of cafetaria to the Resident Doctors.

(iii) Provision of security arrangement in the campus.

(iv) Abolition of security deposits for library.

(v) Provision of increased and hygienic water supply etc.

(c) The strike was called cff unconditionally.

Report of the Supervisory Team of World Baak of AIDS programme

1151. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Supervisory Team on the AIDS programme has stressed on stopping clandestinely operating blood banks and for framing guidelines for transfusion of blood in its report submitted recently; and

(b) if so, the decision taken on it and the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The observations made by the World Bank supervisory team have been brought to the notice of the Drug Controller of India and the States/UTs for appropriate action.